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McGUIRE BAND MAKES DEBUT



McGuire's new band made its initial appearance here at infantile paralysis rallies last Monday, with Kitty Breeze, auburn-haired radio thrush, tying words and music together in a romantic knot. Maestro Eddie Weaver takes charge of the 88 keys while chipping in are, front, left to right, Pts. Jesse Latto, Hugh Geiss, Rudy Minnigh, Rudy Walde and Cpl. Brooke Jenkyn; rear, Pts. Vic Gallucci, Ben "Red" Brasselle, Ralph Phillips, Cpl. Joe Wright, Pts. Herbert Osgood and Herbert Gupton. For a size-up of personalities in the ensemble, see story, bottom page 1.

Polio War In Arcade Captures \$25

They wouldn't do it to make a living they said, but a group of patients undertook to barricade McGuire's arcade Tuesday afternoon allowing no one to pass without first shelling out for the current infantile paralysis fund drive. Upshot of the financial offensive was \$25 in the growing fund for polio victims which wasn't there before they declared war.

Touching off the local drive for the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, rallies were held Monday in the Red Cross Auditorium for all personnel, during which the talents of McGuire's new band and WRVA's pert songstress, Kitty Breeze, as well as talks by two Richmond polio victims, netted \$100.

The campaign will be climaxed on January 30 when a Birthday Ball for the President takes over the post gymnasium. A jitterbug contest will be high spot at the ball, to which all personnel are invited.

Plans are cooking for a daily jam session starring the McGuire band and volunteer patient talent next week. The jive blueprint calls for sessions between 2 and 2:30 p.m. in the dead center of the arcade.

Emphasizing the figures of 18,000 polio victims in 1944 revealed at Monday's rallies, Lt. David S. Yoakley, in charge of the drive declared, "I am well pleased with the progress of the infantile paralysis drive at McGuire so far. However, we who are so conscious of the importance of wiping out the polio plague must continue to contribute as much as we are able to further the great work of the foundation."

Red Cross Tackles Room Shortage

McGuire patients expecting relatives or friends from out of town to visit them will save their visitors much inconvenience by consulting the Red Cross as far in advance as possible.

"The hotel and housing situation in the Richmond area is becoming acute," stated Miss Lorraine Schmitt, social case work supervisor for the American Red Cross at McGuire General Hospital.

"If patients are expecting visitors, we strongly urge that they consult with the Red Cross workers at the information desk well in advance of the time of expected arrival so that accommodations may be arranged," Miss Schmitt said.

The American Red Cross maintains a guest house, Atwood Hall, on the hospital grounds. The building with 13 bedrooms and other facilities, is reserved for the use of relatives of seriously ill patients. If, however, there are vacancies, preference is then given to parents of patients and to aged or infirm relatives who find daily travel from town to the hospital a difficult task.

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Sibert Rigor Makes Weaver's Beavers Eager--To Leave

By CPL. BERNARD ASBEL

To most--nay, all--McGuire soldiers, such horrors as infiltration courses, KP, ration details and cleaning field kitchens are plain, unpleasant memories buried in an ever-growing olive drab heap.

Not so with members of the 12-piece band just arrived here to keep McGuire feet stomping for the duration-and-six. Of course, the aforementioned details never became pleasant. But certainly never plain. For the musical crew had the unique military experience of crawling through Camp Sibert mud with, among others, Pts. Mickey Rooney, Bobby Breen, Red Skelton, Dickie Moore, Pat Rooney, Jr., Johnny Messner and enough show favorites to make Camp Sibert look like a mud-caked copy of Billboard magazine.

Led by Pvt. Eddie Weaver, weaver

Waste Figures Soar; Butter, Bread Top List

Food waste figures for the month of December were higher than those of November, Captain Gellman, mess officer, announced today.

"This sudden rise in waste figures is particularly disappointing because hospital personnel demonstrated during November that cooperation on their part was directly responsible for the greatly reduced food waste figures for that month," Captain Gellman said.

"Bread and butter are two food items upon which waste is of greatest concern," the captain continued.

"A recent directive from Third Service Command quartermaster cites the critical shortage of butter--the butter allowance for all purposes, including cooking, is seven pounds per one hundred men per day; and this allowance cannot be exceeded under any circumstances.

"Yet in every day's mess hall garbage there is an unfortunate amount of both butter and bread.

"There is no excuse for wasting bread or butter as they are both familiar items. It is directly up to the individual to exercise more care and thoughtfulness in selecting portions of these two food items," Capt. Gellman urged.

Colonel Duggins, commanding officer, joined Captain Gellman in expressing deep concern about the increasing food waste.

"Remember that in many countries of the world people are actually starving," Colonel Duggins reminded. "It is little short of criminal to take upon your tray any portion or item of food that you are not sure of being able to eat."

Scanlon to Wed Phila. Sweetheart

Pfc. Will E. Scanlon, Train Division and Miss Mary C. Murphy will be married in a ceremony to take place in the Post Chapel Saturday at 9 a.m.

Chaplain Neil S. Cashman will officiate at the nuptial mass. Both principals are peace-time residents of Philadelphia, Pa.

Best man will be Pvt. Rudolph A. Tancredi, Scanlon's Train Division buddy, while Mrs. Ella Hilstab will serve as bridesmaid.

Generals Hayes, Bliss To Speak Here Tuesday In Hospital Dedication

McGuire General Hospital's 72 buildings will be turned over to the Medical Department by the Corps of Engineers in a dedication ceremony to take place in the Red Cross Auditorium, Tuesday, January 23, at 2 p.m.

Assembled to hear Major General Philip Hayes, Commanding General, Third Service Command, Brigadier General

Raymond W. Bliss, Assistant Surgeon General, Colonel E. E. Gesler, Corps of Engineers, Colonel P. E.

Duggins, hospital commanding officer, and other distinguished speakers

will be some 300 military and civilian dignitaries from the Richmond area. Among the invited guests are Governor Colgate W.

Darden, Jr., Mayor William C. Herbert, and Brigadier General George

Horkan, Commanding General of

Camp Lee.

A representative group of McGuire military personnel will also be invited to the ceremony. A portion of the program will be broadcast over WRVA.

The 142-acre farmland, formerly owned by Mr. T. M. Cheatham, chosen from five proposed sites in the Richmond area, became the embryo of the now great evacuation and surgical center with the breaking of ground on August 15, 1943. Employing as many as 2,000 skilled workers at peak periods,

the task of converting an open

field into a veritable city of one

to three-story buildings was begun.

Contractors were Doyle and Russell, who had to their credit

such projects as the Pentagon Building, Camp Lee, Hampton Roads POE, and Richmond ASF

Depot. McGuire's first patients

from overseas battlefronts arrived

by train via the hospital's own

railroad spur and by plane on

July 29, 1944.

Camp Lee's ASF Band will open the dedication ceremony Tuesday with a short concert to close with the playing of "America." Post Chaplain O. D. Swank will offer the invocation, to be followed by a presentation of the buildings for the Corps of Engineers by Col. Gesler.

General Bliss will accept the buildings in behalf of the Surgeon General and the Medical Department. The acceptance will precede the keynote address by General Hayes.

A talk on Dr. Hunter Holmes McGuire, after whom the hospital is named, will be made by Dr. W.

Lowndes Peble, noted Richmond

surgeon. Dr. Hunter H. McGuire, grandson of General Stonewall Jackson's medical aide will present

to the hospital an oil portrait of the

elder McGuire (see portrait, right),

which will hang on the backdrop of the stage for the remainder of the

ceremony. Colonel Duggins will accept the painting for the hospital

and all personnel.

The program will close with a

benediction offered by Chaplain

Neil S. Cashman and the "Star-

Spangled Banner" sung by Mrs.

Ruth Burton, of Richmond.

Printed programs, designed by

Sgt. Edward T. Paier, post artist,

will be distributed to all guests.

Extra copies of the program will

be available to everyone at the

Public Relations Office.

A tour of the hospital grounds

and a reception at the Officers Club

for all guests will follow the cere-

mony.

Where Will It Hang?



In a quickie contest which will close this Saturday, McGuire personnel will decide where in the hospital the above portrait of Dr. Hunter Holmes McGuire will hang.

The portrait will be presented to the hospital during the dedication ceremony Tuesday.

Measuring 4x5 feet, granted it's a tough thing to place. But hang it will! If a civilian names the winning place, \$10 in cash will be the reward. If a soldier wins, he'll receive a prize unannounced as yet—but confidentially, it's attractive.

Submit your idea on a suggestion blank and bring it directly to Message Center in the Administration Building. Do NOT place it in suggestion boxes. Winner will be chosen by Colonel Duggins, Commanding Officer, with recommendations from the suggestion committee.

Contest closes Saturday at 5 p.m.

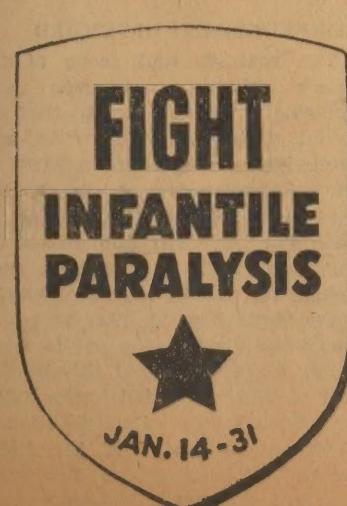
Ye Olde Tyme Community Sing Slated for Friday

An innovation in McGuire Hospital entertainment—a community sing conducted with the aid of slides—will feature the variety show to be staged at 7 p.m. Friday in the Red Cross by the Special Services Office.

Private Eddie Weaver, who gained considerable fame as organist at a Richmond theater before entering service, will conduct the sing. It will be modeled after the "bouncing ball" type featured in motion pictures, but the ball will be bounces less in this G. I. version.

Aiding in the musical side of the program will be the 12-piece McGuire band, late of Camp Siebert, Ala. The band will play several regular numbers and may "jam a few," according to Weaver, its director.

Entertainment and chow, to say nothing of attractive hostesses, will highlight a party sponsored by the Elks tonight in the Red Cross Auditorium at 7 p.m. Any bona-fide patient will be permitted to try to crash the gate.



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Of, By and For the Seabees

It came to the BANNER the hard way. An anonymous Seabee, knee-deep in a South Pacific Island penned it. "New Guinea Crew Blasts" printed it. One of our detachment received it from a Seabee buddy. Chaplain Cashman, by as yet unrevealed means, got his hands on it, and he, in turn, forwarded it to us.

Here it is as Honest Abe never dreamed it:

"Two score and seven days ago our battalion brought forth upon this island a new project, conceived in a fox-hole and dedicated to the proposition that all Japs are created evil.

"We are now ensnared in the heat, rain, and mud of this island, testing whether this project or the Seabees will long endure. We are all together slipping and sliding as we do this, but in a larger sense we cannot cultivate, we cannot harrow this ground for the great rain which made it impossible, far above the poor power of all but the 'cats'.

"It is for us the Seabees rather to be enslaved here by this menial labor which they who are in charge have thus so freely advanced. It is rather for us to be here sickened by the dish of hash set before us, from these cans we took our nourishment: no devotion to those cooks, for our stomachs have an everlasting measure of commotion.

"The world will little note nor long remember what we build here, but we shall never forget the beans and hash we ate here. Let us resolve that we shall not have sweated in vain; that this battalion shall have many days of freedom in the United States."



GI SHAVINGS

BY
Pvt. Joe Q. McGuire

What's this "Hello Zam" that is spreading through the barracks?

The next time you beef about the weed shortage remember what Pfc. Henry Roitz's buddy wrote from New Guinea. Down there when you ask for cigarettes they toss you a bag of Bull Durham, a pack of paper and add, "Have fun!"

Tired of being "fenced in" in Richmond, when the call came through on the recent Halloran DS deal, many of the lads packed hurriedly, visioning two big weeks in the glamour town—Broadway, Stage Door Canteen, beer after 10:45, Madison Square Garden, etc. However, most of them returned, having seen it all from a siding and moaning the "Railroad Blues". Take for example those lucky guys who boarded a west bound train shortly leaving the Richmond ratter. First stop was Walla Walla, Washington but after that came San Francisco, Battle Creek, Detroit, then by way of Canada to Utica to Staten Island. And all in seventeen days.

The population of South Richmond has been increased by one. It's the new Mrs. T-5 Jesus Parets, wife of our baker.

Eddie Weaver's arrival with his even dozen adds one more name to the list of McGuire men who at one time were baton wielders. You all know of the maestro himself, Cpl. Panofsky, but how about Red Wagoner and his Withville, Virginia nine? Or how about Vic Jordan and his Society Fourteen? Ops, sorry, that's just the way he signs his autograph, we know him as Gallucci.

What does the Navy think we run here, a flop-house? A patient's sailor brother asked to be bunked in the barracks one night and being an ally, was taken in. When given linen and shown his bed, he sez, "How much is it?" and gives the CQ a half-buck! He must have come from Norfolk.

Lt. Flannagan's weekly inspections have put the 1385th on their toes. Last week they even GIed the detachment cat.

For three months Pfc. Sebastian Maulbeck stuck steadfastly to his post at the QM Warehouse and never thought of a pass. But what happens the day he left? Bruce Milgrim comes around, shoots every one in the place for the Banner story and Maulbeck's friends are unable to see the part he plays in the McGuire mechanism. It isn't fair!

Blood Call!

The Red Cross is out for good McGuire blood.

In line with the current drive for donors to the Red Cross blood bank, McGuirites have been urged to sign up in order to swell the community's plasma contribution.

December's drive produced response from nine female officers and nurses, as well as McGuire's nominee for its red-blooded male, WOJG Walter Ancypowic, Supply Div. It is a widely-held belief that a larger turnout by men on the post is due this month.

Donors are to sign up at the Public Relations Office, Administration Building, immediately. Blood donations will be made next Tuesday at 10:15 a.m.

"Thanks, McGuire" Writes Vet Nurse

Colonel P. E. Duggins, Commanding Officer, McGuire General Hospital, Richmond, Virginia.

Dear Sir:

Being no Sinclair Lewis or Louis Bromfield, I will have to attempt in my own inadequate words to express my great appreciation to McGuire General for the grand way they received me—a Second Lieutenant in the Army Nurse Corps returning from 34 months in the South Pacific.

My reception did not start at the front door where I was met by a very pleasant Captain Resch, but at the airport where I was met by a medical officer, a nurse and a Wac who brought me to the hospital in a deluxe heated ambulance.

Upon my arrival at Ward 22, the nurse on duty there lost no time sending me a supper tray, even though it was 7 pm.

How the various staff nurses on duty throughout the hospital knew of my arrival is still a mystery to me, but quite a number of them visited me during my first night there. Their visits helped a lot to break the strange and lonesome feeling that resulted from travel weariness.

To sum up your hospitality, I want to say that you have a wonderful hospital because you have such a fine staff... from civilians, Wacs, technicians, nurses and officers—and last, but not least, you, Colonel Duggins, commanding officer of McGuire, and chief nurse Lt. Colonel Jolliffe.

Sincerely, I think that neither Lewis nor Bromfield could express in words the feeling of the enlisted men patients. I have worked in field and general hospitals, and I know what it means to those boys to come back from overseas to a general hospital and find no "Off Limits to Patients" signs stuck up before their eyes every ten feet. Instead they are greeted by a spacious arcade where they may rest and chat with their buddies who have also returned from overseas; and a PX well supplied with beer, chewing gum, candy, a juke box, cigarettes, milk, ice cream and all the other little luxuries they longed for while in combat areas.

My best wishes to McGuire for continuing this splendid hospitality to all the men and women of our Armed Forces.

Sincerely,
(Signed) Lt. Elsie Mae Cohen ANC

Library Notes

Among the new books received at the McGuire library is John Mason Brown's *MANY A WATCHFUL NIGHT*, one of the most outstanding books to come out of this war. Dramatic critic and skillful writer, the author gives a magnificent account of the invasion of Normandy as seen from the Augusta and later from the shore. This book will live long after other war books are forgotten.

IT'S ALWAYS TOMORROW, a novel by Robert St. John, a young American correspondent, is the story of a war correspondent from 1939 to 1942. An interesting book, it is, however, better as a piece of reporting than as a novel.

Two volumes showing a photographic record of the United States at war are the *U.S. AT WAR, U.S. CAMERA 1945*, edited by Tom Maloney; and *OUR ARMY AT WAR*, the story of American campaigns in World War II, told in official War Department photographs, with an introduction by General George C. Marshall. Both books tell in pictures what no words could express so well.

BEST PLAYS COMPILED

In a very different vein are *S.R.O. (Standing Room Only)*, a collection of the most successful plays in the history of the American stage, compiled by Bennett Cerf and Van H. Cartmell; and *RANGER MOSBY*, the story of Mosby and his men, by Virgil Carrington Jones. *S.R.O. cov-*

The Wolf

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by Sansone

Dr. Hunter Holmes McGuire ---Soldier, Surgeon, Leader

Hunter Holmes McGuire was born at Winchester, Virginia, on October 11, 1835, the son of Dr. Hugh Holmes McGuire and Eliza Moss of Fairfax County, Virginia. His grandfather, Captain Edward McGuire, was a well-known figure in the Continental Army. The family was of good Irish stock having come originally from County Fermanagh, Ireland.

Young Hunter received his academic education at the Winchester Academy where his father before him had learned his three R's. He received his early medical training at the Winchester Medical College, a school which his father helped found. From there he went to Philadelphia where he completed his medical education.

Soon after, the famous John Brown's Raid occurred and the young doctor could not hold himself aloof from the ensuing "controversy" that arose between the Southern and Northern medical students about him. Historians have regarded McGuire's subsequent actions as significant of his inborn qualities of leadership.

"It was now that young McGuire first showed those qualities of leadership that were to carry him to greater and greater heights in late years. A young man, comparatively unknown, without special power of oratory, or persuasive eloquence, he quickly organized the Southern students, three hundred strong, and led them, in a body to Richmond, to finish their studies in the Medical College of Virginia."

JOINS CONFEDERATES

From Richmond, Dr. McGuire went to New Orleans to set up a practice but at this time (1861) war became a reality, and young McGuire entered the ranks of the first Winchester volunteers as a private. But he was not to remain so for long. Within a few months, General Stonewall Jackson recognized Dr. McGuire's peculiar gifts and appointed him, at the age of 24, Medical Director of his brigade.

From the day of McGuire's appointment as Medical Director for Jackson's Brigade, it is said that

ers the plays best liked by the American people over a period of years and includes everything from Uncle Tom's Cabin to Oklahoma! *RANGER MOSBY* with plumed hat and flowing cape, and his "hellcats on horseback", make Grant and Sheridan live uneasy lives in the Valley of Virginia during '64 and '65. A colorful and rather remarkable character, Mosby makes his peace with Grant after the war and works for national unity.

no official report of battle by the General was issued that did not express acknowledgement of the efficient service of Surgeon McGuire. More than a Chief Surgeon to Jackson, history records that a warm bond of friendship soon sprang up, and McGuire soon became trusted friend and close companion to the General.

COMES TO RICHMOND

Soon after the end of the war, Dr. McGuire settled in Richmond to resume his practices and to give concrete evidence of his ability and genius for leadership. Almost immediately, he was elected to fill the chair of surgery at the Medical College of Virginia.

In 1869 he was made President of the Richmond Academy of Medicine. In 1870 he helped found the Medical Society of Virginia and for several years was Chairman of the executive committee of that organization. In 1875 he became President of the Ass'n. of Medical Officers of the Army & Navy of the Confederate States. In 1876 he was Vice-President of the International Medical Congress. In 1880 he was President of the Medical Society of Virginia. In 1883 he organized St. Luke's Home for the Sick (with a training school for nurses). A degree of Doctor of Laws was conferred upon him by the University of North Carolina in 1887. The following year he was similarly honored by Jefferson Medical College. In 1889 he was President of the Southern Medicinal and Gynecological Association. In 1893 he acted as Vice-President of the American Medical Association, and that same year organized the University College of Medicine of which he was president until his death. In 1896 he was elevated to the Presidency of the American Medical Association. In 1899, St. Luke's the hospital he had founded sixteen years previous, had to be rebuilt because of growth.

CONFEDERACY DEFENDED

The vastness and scope of the man's activities are even more amazing when we learn that he found time also to write and promulgate a spirited defense of the Confederacy as a protest against distortion of the facts of the War Between the States by textbooks sold by northern publishers for use in southern schools.

On September 19, 1900 he passed away and a mourning public raised funds for a statue of this beloved son of Virginia which today stands in Richmond's Capitol Square close to the statue of the friend he so faithfully served and loved, General Stonewall Jackson.

Most GIs Pay No '44 Taxes

By Camp Newspaper Service
The McGuire soldier has a lot on his mind right now, but one thing he probably won't have to worry about is filing an income tax return for 1944.

While March 15, 1945, will bring a financial headache to most U.S. civilians, including hundreds of thousands who did not pay a tax before the war, the vast majority of service men and women will be exempt.

As a general rule, military personnel whose service pay was less than \$2,000 during 1944 will not be required to file a return. That includes, roughly, enlisted personnel and officers up to and including the grade of 1st lieutenant.

However, military personnel who had income from civilian sources may have to file a return.

First lieutenants who are receiving longevity or other added pay over and above their base pay and non-coms in the higher grades who are receiving longevity and other additional pay which brings their total military pay over the \$2,000 limit, also will have to file a return.

Military personnel who did not file a Declaration of Enlisted Income Tax at any time during the year 1944, and who had civilian income not subject to withholding tax and of a sufficient amount to push the total military and civilian income over the \$2000 mark, must file a return on or before Jan. 15, 1945.

ALLOTMENTS EXEMPT

For the purpose of computing the amount of tax owed, the first \$1500 of military pay is exempt. Also exempt are contributions by the government to family allowances and money received for subsistence and quarters. However, any refund of taxes owed on the 1943 declaration should not be deducted from the 1944 tax liability.

Service personnel should use Treasury Department Form 1040 in filing their return for 1944. The full amount of the tax due for the year must be paid at the time of filing this return, except that those unable to meet their tax payment may request deferment by submitting a letter to the Collector of Internal Revenue with their return.

Those who expect to have taxable income in 1945 should file a Declaration of Estimated Income Tax (Form 1040-ES) for that year on or before March 15, 1945.

Military personnel who believe they are affected by the income tax may discuss their individual problems with Lt. Remley, Legal Assistance Officer, extension 428.

Hard-to-Get Goods On Tap at PX

Soldiers' supplies—tooth paste, shaving cream, powder (face, not gun) and the countless other articles for cleanliness and comfort that are essentials to American soldiers of both sexes, are now stocked in the PX at prices lowered almost to cost.

"It is an established policy of this post exchange that a good stock of these items in a reasonable variety will always be on our shelves, and they will always be priced at special GI rates," PX officer Captain Max Dreyer said just before leaving for New York on an extensive buying trip.

"I hope to return from New York with many new and interesting items that will make McGuire's PX one of the best," he continued. "Our present stock of Valentine's Day cards is interesting and attractive and will be replenished as warranted by sales."

"The response to our recently installed shoe shop has been most gratifying," the captain stated, "and we hope to increase the variety and quantity of our stock as soon as possible."

Caught Una-Wares



"It was all very sudden," explains Captain Charles A. Via, Jr., AAF Liaison Officer, promoted from 1st Lieutenant this week. And proof of his surprise, Captain Via pins two 1st Looie's bars side by side on his overcoat to mark his new rank.

Former pilot of a B-17, and wounded over Bremen, Germany, Captain Via is holder of the Distinguished Service Cross, Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal with three oak leaf clusters and the Purple Heart.

Washington (CNS) — The Anti-Cigarette Alliance has come up with the logical solution to the nation's cigarette shortage: "Don't smoke." The alternative: "Take a Turkish bath twice a week."

OT Shop Eases Into Wards With Best Bedside Manner

Expansion of Occupational Therapy's manifold activities came this week with the introduction on a large scale of "craft-cures" on the wards for bed-confined patients, it was announced by Mrs. Ruth Emmett, OT chief.

Trotting through McGuire's corridors with a little white truck, WAC Private Rhoda Saletan, OT aide, instructs and aids patients in leather work, chip carving, plastics, linoleum cuts, belt making, cord knotting, picture framing and a score of crafts combining fun with exercises essential to patients' recovery. Pvt. Saletan, who has just arrived at McGuire after completing the training course for OT aides at Halloran General Hospital, coaches patients, under the supervision of Mrs. Emmett and Miss Maxine Koenigsberg, both OTR, in occupational exercises prescribed by medical officers. Additional personnel for therapy on the wards is expected shortly.

Most popular ward activity is airplane modeling from both balsa and cardboard, say the experts, while bracelet making runs a neck-and-wrist second.

Always on the watch for giving special services for special needs, shop personnel brought a portable radio transmitter to one bed patient, a former radio operator who feared he was getting rusty on code. In the unusual request department falls the patient who had a hankering for model trains and wasn't ashamed to say so. An up went a set of victory-style cardboard toy trains which promptly made a railroad yard of his ward floor.

2 Lemons Squeezed Into Nursing Staff

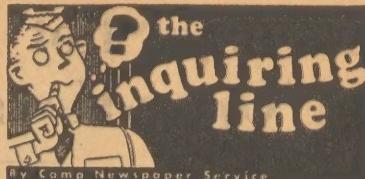
McGuire's first sister officers, 2d Lts. Helen and Hazel Lemons, joined the hospital nurse staff this week. The lieutenants, daughters of L. R. Lemons, Sinks Grove, W. Va., attended Chesapeake and Ohio School of Nursing, Clifton Forge, Va., and were stationed at Fort Meade, Md., before reporting here.

Red Cross Tackles Room Shortage

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Atwood Hall rooms are offered without charge, but there are no suitable accommodations for infants or very small children, and no kitchen or laundry facilities.

For patients' guests who are lodging off the Post, the Richmond USO-Travelers' Aid cooperated with the McGuire Red Cross in securing rooms or housing as convenient to transportation as possible. But it is necessary that requests for lodging be given to the Red Cross information desk at McGuire well in advance of the arrival time of visitors.



Q. Does a soldier's pre-induction status have any bearing on his eligibility for discharge under the War Department's demobilization plan? I was a pre-Pearl Harbor father and have 2 dependent children. Because of my dependency status, I was not drafted until late in 1943.

A. Under the demobilization plan announced by the War Department, a man's pre-induction status has no bearing on his eligibility for discharge. However, the fact that you have 2 dependent children will count. Length of service, length of overseas service and certain combat decorations also count.

Q. I have heard that a soldier hospitalized for Venereal Disease no longer loses his pay. Is that correct?

A. That is correct. You are referred to AR 25-1440, dated November, 1944.

Q. Has a veteran the choice of selecting any course he wants under the Army's Vocational Rehabilitation program, or must he take what he gets and like it?

A. The veteran may tell the Veterans Administration his preference in courses. But then they will select for him the ones they believe he is best qualified for.

Abraham Lincoln was not famous because he was born in a log cabin but because he got out of it.

Lab Service Sees McGuire Through Test Tube

By PVT. LEE KING

The phrase, "doctors without laboratories are like soldiers without arms," is even more truly expressive in war times.

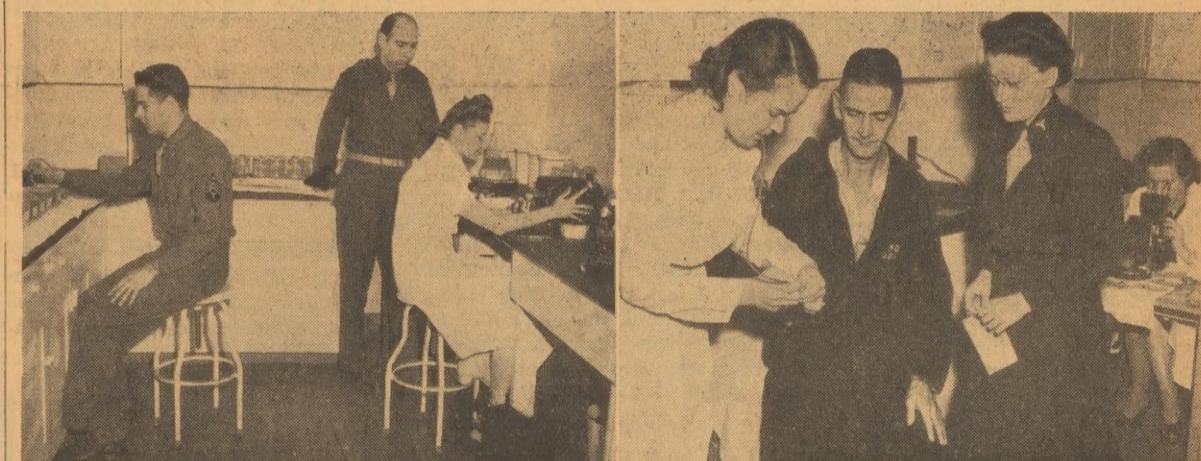
The greatly increased number and variety of battle wounds requiring surgical treatment, and increased communicable and other types of diseases that inevitably follow in the wake of modern warfare would result in a much higher mortality and permanent disability rate without laboratory service to aid medical science.

Laboratory service aids the medical officer in making a quicker diagnosis by means of various tests, and frequently acts as a valuable guide in the treatment of a patient and his progress during convalescence.

A diagnosis of malaria, for example, may be made directly from the patient's symptoms, but is usually verified by means of laboratory examination, and the determination of malaria type is invariably a laboratory function. Lab tests are often used to study the progress of the disease and its treatment.

McGuire Laboratory Service, under the direction of Captain Isadore Rothstein, graduate of New York University College of Medicine, is equipped to make any test that is customary procedure for a large laboratory department anywhere.

"This department is a separate professional service and is subdivided into five sections—hemato-



Above, left: Tec-4 Harold Stevenson of Sharpsville, Pa., left, is staining slides of tissues at the left of the pathology lab, while on the right Miss Rose Ann Bichi of Richmond, is shown cutting paraffin sections of tissue as Captain Rothstein looks on. Mrs. Martha Galloway of Richmond, right, taking a specimen for blood count from the finger of McGuire patient Tec-4 Frank McMullin of New York, overseas combat casualty, while Captain Dale Van Vacter, WAC, chief of bacteriology and hematology sections watches the procedure. Mrs. Lorraine Sharkey of Richmond, background, examines a blood specimen under the microscope.

logy, pathology, sero-diagnostic, chemistry and bacteriology," Captain Rothstein said.

"Almost 150 different types of laboratory procedures are routine with us now, but as the number of definite cases increase, the total number of lab tests will increase proportionately," the captain continued.

"In the field of surgery we have examined under the microscope a considerable quantity of surgical specimens, the most interesting of which form the basis for pathological conferences for the discussion of causes and effects of various diseases.

"All of our sections have been somewhat handicapped by lack of full strength personnel, with the hematology section hit hardest, because it has been the busiest section during the past month," Captain Rothstein explained.

"The present personnel roster of the laboratory includes ten civilian employees, five enlisted military personnel and two officers," the Captain said.

Below, left, Mrs. Ethel Bass of Richmond, is making culture transplants and Tec-4 Fay Wilder of Oakfield, N. Y., is examining a water analysis. WAC Corporal Ruth K. Swetland, Scotch Plains, N. J., center, is making a microscopic examination of a specimen. Pfc. I. B. Shulman of Bridgeport, Conn., and Tec-5 Ralph C. Carper from Roanoke, Va., right, feeding the laboratory animals in the animal house where rabbits, guinea pigs and white mice are housed.

Laboratory Service is responsible also for blood donor service for the patients and the care and maintenance of laboratory animals in the six-room animal house—building 109.

Future plans for the department will probably include more frequent conferences on the causes and effects of diseases and a substantial research program.



'Double-Shot' Hughart Stars In 'Open-House' Radio Show

A medical corpsman whose life was saved by two simultaneous plasma infusions after he was wounded by a Jap sniper's bullet in New Guinea will tell his story on "Open House at McGuire" over WRVA at 4:30 p.m. Saturday.

Sibert Rigor Makes Beavers Eager

(Continued from page 1) mond's leading theaters, he also served a stretch as staff organist for WRVA.

McGuire is not a new place to Ben "Red" Brasselle, trumpet. Red was here back in August when a 30-piece outfit moved up from Sibert for the coast-to-coast "Visiting Hour" broadcast. Red's entire army year was spent in the Special Services Training Group in Sibert. Five lovely civilian years preceding his stay there were whiled away tooting for WSM, Nashville.

Hugh Geiss, lead tenor sax man, is better known as "Curley" for the gleam on his nearly bare scalp. Curley has played for "all the Counts and no accounts in Baltimore." Once with Enoch Light's ensemble, he became a familiar fixture behind the bandstands of Maryland's leading hotels and amusement parks.

BARNET VETERAN

Cpl. Broke Jenkyn, of tenor and baritone sax talent, was on Charlie Barnet's payroll before homing to Pennsylvania to form his own combo. Jenkyn played in a GI variety show operating out of New Cumberland before he was sentenced to Sibert.

Herb Osgood, who slides a well greased trombone, spent some of his more interesting musical evenings following the rhythm of Ina Ray Hutton's hips when he was paid to watch her baton. He didn't have similar trouble, oddly enough, when he bazooked for Tony Pastor and Red Norval. A former staff musician with KDKA and WCAE, Pittsburgh, Herb also handled the management of Maurice Spitalny's band.

Another Herb and another trombonist is Herb Gupton, who at 16 started a career in Raleigh, N. C., and slid his way into a jam session full of big and little bands in New York. Another old-timer in Richmond, Gupton made his living in the late '20s blowing it out at WRVA.

FAST SWITCH AT 12

Jesse Latto, who plays "drums and concussion" and wants everyone to know that his name is good Scotch-Irish, claims to be the only drummer in the army who hasn't at some time beat it out for Benny Goodman or Charlie Barnet. Making a fast switch at the age of 12 from piano to drums when a tom-tom artist in "Showboat" took sick, Jess has become the most traveled man in Weaver's Beavers. He has seen service with Weenie Meyer's band in the South, and among many others, Johnny Maitland in Chicago, Don Bigelow in New York and Bob McGowan on the Coast. WJSV, Washington and WABC, New York, have also seen fit to keep Latto around for a spell.

Cpl. Joe Wright, trumpet, boasts the longest army record of all the Beavers. Having worn his last tux

Private Cinet Hughart of Charles-ton, W. Va., was shot through the side while attempting to reach five wounded infantrymen and administer emergency aid. The bullet entered the right side of his body and passed entirely through, fracturing his pelvic bone. A stretcher bearer party behind was unable to reach him and he crawled 150 yards down the side of a rocky hill, where two plasma infusions were given at the same time, one in each arm.

Hughart, now a patient in Ward 44, will tell also of the medical attention he received. Staff Sergeant John Atmankil of McGuire's Reconditioning Service will explain the part his department is playing in the physical rehabilitation of Hughart and other wounded patients here.

Featured with Hughart and Atmankil on the weekly show written and directed by Lt. Howard B. Leeds, Public Relations Office, will be the new McGuire 12-piece band in its radio debut.

In October '41, Joe has since spent two years directing his own outfit in Edgewood Arsenal. Before making GIs happy, Joe toured his own band through Cincinnati clubs, parks and pits. A general handyman in show business, Joe once even took a fling at acting in stock.

Youthful and lanky Ralph Phillips is boss-man in the trumpet section. Ralph, who at 24 has been playing pro for seven years, got his musical basic training in Baltimore's best hotels, theaters and night clubs, as well as sessions with WBAL and WFBR. A turn with three other members of the McGuire jive detail in Jack Platt's popular band formerly of Camp Lee round out Ralph's horn-history.

FOUND A HOME

Pvt. Rudy Walde, alto sax, has seen so much road work, including a tour with Eddie Cantor and George Jessel, that he finds it "nice to be settled in one place at last—as long as it's not in Alabama." Rudy saxed with numerous bands for clubs and vaudeville in New York and suburbs way out to the Coast.

Ludy Minnigh is the band's youngest member, 23 and eligible. Another Jack Platt-Camp Lee veteran before the Sibert deal, Ludy free lanced around Washington, D. C. before entering the army 28 months ago.

A bass fiddle is a man who (allelujah) has never seen Camp Sibert. He's our own Pvt. Vic Gallucci. And every band member agrees it's lucky to have an old McGuirete around to set the fellows straight on what GI's here go for most. Gallucci earned note as a bandleader in Bridgeport, Conn., operating as Vic Jordan. His band played, in addition to club and theater dates, a 15-minute radio spot three times a week.

For public consumption, the Beavers would like it known that Sibert wasn't really such a bad place after all. They just like it a whole lot better here.

Male Call



by Milton Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates"



Adam and Eve Take Bite of Victory App'e



Tony Hoffman looked before he leaped (extreme right) and two teams dive in vain after the ball. For the sphere settled clean as can be where it counted for two McGuire General points. Seen, foreground, are Coach Bill Allison (13), Lt. Dave Yoakley (3), and Bellwood's Fisher. Generals copped, 36-29, in the hospital gym last Friday.

Earlier in the evening, Rosalie MacDonald, scoring above despite the hefty blocking of Bellwoods' Carroll, shared top tally honors with Helen Conway as McGuireettes won, 32-16.

HOOP FLASH!

A last minute rally by the Optimist Club last night spelled defeat for McGuire Generals, 38-32, in a YMCA league game at the Y's gym.

Long Bill Cheswick hit the hoop for twelve points to lead McGuire scoring, while the opposition's Grab Hamner, whom the Generals agree is the hottest dribbler they've seen, took the tallying cup with 20.

WMBG Calls for CDDd Announcers

CDDED soldiers anxious to enter the growing radio field as announcers are welcome to talk over their ambitions with local station WMBG, it is learned from J. H. Kellogg, director of studio operation.

Dischargees interested in auditioning for positions should contact Lt. Morrison, Separation Classification Officer, Administration Building.

Post Theater

Week of Thursday, January 18, to Wednesday, January 24. Shows start at 6:15 and 8:15 p.m.

Thursday—"Here Come the Waves," with Bing Crosby, Betty Hutton, Sonny Tufts.

Saturday—"Tomorrow The World," with Fredric March, Betty Field.

Sunday—"Experiment Perilous," with Hedy Lamarr, Paul Lukas, George Brent.

Tuesday—"Girl Rush" with Wally Brown, Alan Carney, Frances Langford; and "Night Club Girl" with Vivian Austin and Edward Norris.

Wednesday—"Grissley's Millions," Paul Kelly, Virginia Grey.

Hoopsters Win Two; Face Camp Lee Teams Tonight

By CPL AL BIANCO

McGuire won a double header on its home basketball court last Friday, when the Generals beat the Bellwood Engineers, 36-29, and the McGuireettes whipped the Bellwood sextette, 32-16.

The Generals grabbed an early lead and held it throughout the contest. High scorers for McGuire were WOJG Bob Conway and Sgt. Tony Hoffman with 8 tallies each. Conway multiplied the score with his one-hand overhead shots while Hoffman galloped to and fro shooting a variety of ringers. McGuire's big boys, Cheswick and Allison, set up the team play from the bucket position, but neither of the two were able to swish the hoop as often as usual.

High scorer for the evening was Kerstein of Bellwood with 14 points. McGuireettes Score

Showing up in their best form, the McGuireettes outclassed a hard fighting Bellwood club. Although small, the McGuire gals had possession of the ball most of the game. With team play, endurance, speed and finesse, the McGuireettes kept the score doubled throughout the contest. Every forward contributed to the score with Helen Conway and Rosalie McDonald leading the squad. The better half of Bob Conway and Tony Hoffman's heart throb were well ahead of their mates, each scoring 12 points. This was probably the incentive which led their men in the next game to snatch the top scoring honors. Star of the evening was the McGuirette's Eva Reed, who plays center guard. Eva, playing against a six-foot forward, constantly took the ball off the backboard and kept it in McGuire's possession. It was seldom her forward received a pass without interference from Eva.

Lt. Dave Yoakley scored 14 points Tuesday night to pace the Generals in a 42-29 win over Randolph-Macon College at Ashland. The win was the Generals' second straight. McGuire held a meager 17-16 margin at half-time, but turned on the heat in the second half to pull away and win handily.

7-Day Furlough Suggestion Prize For Pfc. Lattarula

For the benefit of all those interested, the following definition of the word "IDEA" is set forth: "a conception of what ought to be."

Latest among McGuire personnel to do a little brain-digging is Pfc. William J. Lattarula, Police and Personnel Branch. The "what ought to be" so conceived by him and adopted by the hospital suggestion committee will improve the method of carrying medicine and supplies from Central Supply, the Laboratory, the Pharmacy, etc., to the wards.

Heretofore, from five to seven trips a day were necessary, with the items being carried in the arms. Now the number of trips can be cut in half with the use of an ordinary office-desk tray. Not only is this a time saver, but it also insures greater safety in delivery in that it decreases waste due to accident. In recognition of this winning idea, Pfc. Lattarula has received a 7-day furlough.

Within the next few weeks, according to Lieutenant Velma R. White, Chairman, Suggestion Committee, every member of McGuire General personnel, both military and civilian, is urged to contribute at least one suggestion deemed worthy of consideration for placing into operation.

For any timid soul, feeling that this idea may not be judged "a conception of what OUGHT to be," Webster offers this definition: "a product of mental activity."

